

Bringing the County Closer to You!

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Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board Meeting Monday, April 28 7:00pm Upcounty Regional Services Center 12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

The Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board (UCAB) will hear from County Councilmember Hans Riemer on his thoughts concerning various issues affecting the Upcounty and the county as a whole. State Delegate David Fraser-Hidalgo will offer thoughts on the General Assembly's legislative session that just concluded. Planner Rachel Newhouse, from the Parks Department, will brief the board on plans to enhance Ovid Hazen Wells Park in Clarksburg. The board will also address their old business of two motions concerning the Midcounty Highway/M83 project.

Department of Liquor Control to Host Alcohol Policy Meeting with Local Alcohol-Licensed Establishments
Thursday, April 24 10:00am – 11:30am
Joe's Crab Shack
221 Rio Blvd., Gaithersburg

The Montgomery County Department of Liquor Control (DLC) will host a local community business meeting to cover topics such as outdoor cafés, special events and responsible alcohol policies.

The meeting will include local licensed businesses, law enforcement and other regulatory agencies. Best practices in alcohol management will be shared and steps will be identified to keep businesses and communities safe and vibrant during the warm weather months ahead.

For more information, or to register for the meeting, contact Melissa Romeo at 240-777-1989 or melissa.romeo@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Montgomery County Participates in National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day Saturday, April 26 10:00am – 2:00pm



Once again, Montgomery County Law Enforcement agencies and the Department of Health and Human Services are participating in the DEA's National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day.

This is a safe, free and anonymous opportunity to dispose of unused, unwanted or expired prescription drugs. This initiative is part of an effort to prevent the increasing problems of prescription drug abuse and theft that continues to occur nationwide.

There will be eleven drop-off locations throughout Montgomery County. These locations will accept prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications only. Liquids, illicit drugs, needles, sharps and syringes cannot be accepted as part of the take-back program.

Upcounty locations

Gaithersburg:

- MCP 1st District Station 100 Edison Park Rd, Gaithersburg
- MCP 6th District Station 45A West Watkins Mill Rd., Gaithersburg
- Gaithersburg Police Station -14 Fulks Corner Ave., Gaithersburg

Germantown:

MCP 5th District Station – 20000 Aircraft Dr., Germantown

Check Calendar for details and locations.

2014 Community Health Fair

Saturday, April 26, 2014 10:00am to 2:00pm Community of Faith United Methodist Church 22420 Frederick Road, Clarksburg, MD (301.972.5520)

- Chair Massages
- Food Sampling
- Smoking Cessation Program
- HIV Testing
- Blood Pressures
- Bone Dermascan
- Grip Strength
- Waist To Hip Ratio
- Many others!



For more information, call Diane Herron at (301) 421-5767 or e-mail diane.herron@montgomerycountymd.gov

Affordable Housing Conference Update of Montgomery County, Maryland

May 2 8.00am - 3:00pm Marriott Conference Center 5701 Marinelli Road, North Bethesda, Maryland



The Board of Directors for the Affordable Housing Conference invite you to this year's conference that will feature the *presentation of the 2014 Robert C. Weaver Housing Champion to the Hon. Barney Frank*. Since its inception in 1991, the Affordable Housing Conference continues to tackle affordable housing issues and their impacts, specifically on Montgomery County residents. To learn more about the conference, visit http://www.affordablehousingconference.org

For early registration <u>click here</u>

Renters and Homeowners Invited to Montgomery County's 14th Annual Housing Fair and Financial Fitness Day

Saturday, May 3 10:00am – 3:00pm Bohrer Park Activity Center /Summit Hall Farm 506 S. Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg

The Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA) invites all County residents to attend the 14th Annual Montgomery County Housing Fair and Financial Fitness Day where fairgoers will be able to access useful

information from numerous exhibitors about housing programs and resources in the County, and meet one-on-one with major lenders conducting loan modifications on site.

Special features of the fair include:

- · free credit reports and analyses;
- free housing counseling and legal advice;
- · free information for renters looking for affordable housing; and
- free class for prospective homebuyers.

Interpretation services will be offered for Spanish-speaking residents, and the nonprofit organization Asian-American Home Ownership Counseling will be present to assist Asian residents. The fair will also feature entertainment for all ages and refreshments will be sold at a nominal cost.

For more information about the fair, or to find out how to become a sponsor or exhibitor, contact Myriam Torrico, 240-777-3627, or email myriam.torrico@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Montgomery County Recognizes Building Safety Month in May

Free deck maintenance inspections!

To help raise awareness of building safety, Montgomery County's Department of Permitting Services (DPS) is celebrating **Building Safety Month** by offering free deck maintenance inspections for single-family detached homes, townhouses and duplex dwellings. The inspections are available to all Montgomery County residents – excluding those in the City of Rockville and the City of Gaithersburg. The inspection will include a checklist for homeowners to help them maintain a safe and sound structure.

Residents interested in scheduling a deck inspection should contact Montgomery County during the month of May by calling 3-1-1, or by fax at 240-777-6258. Homeowners will be contacted before the inspection is performed. All requests will be honored as the inspectors' workloads permit.

See press release at http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=13587

For more information about Building Safety Month, visit the DPS website at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/permittingservices.

Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, Montgomery County Animal Response Team and MCPD Animal Services Division Support FEMA's 2014 Petpared Initiative / Encourage Participation in Petpared Twitter Challenge

The Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (OEMHS), Montgomery County Animal Response Team (CART) and the MCPD Animal Services Division support the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) "2014 Petpared Initiative" to encourage pet owners to make emergency preparedness plans for their pets.

To help motivate pet-owners to take steps to prepare for their pets in the event of an emergency; FEMA is sponsoring a "2014 #Petpared Twitter Challenge" through the month of April. To participate in the twitter challenge, pet owners are encouraged to take a picture of themselves with their pet doing one of the actions from the list below. Then tweet the picture of their action by April 30, 2014, using the hashtag #Petpared.

For more information, visit http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR details.asp?PrID=13558

Second Annual Veteran Resource & Community Volunteer Fair

Saturday, May 10 10:00am - 3:00pm Glen Echo Park 7300 MacArthur Boulevard, Glen Echo

Veterans, local members of the military, their families and those interested in helping local veterans are invited to attend the second annual Veteran Resource and Community Volunteer Fair where participants will have an opportunity to meet with local veteran service officers and organizations providing financial and employment assistance and to learn about volunteer opportunities with military and veteran serving organizations.

There will be live music during the event with free carousel rides and The Puppet Co. tickets available on a first come, first served basis. Those attending can also participate in an art-based service project honoring veterans.

Sign language interpreters and other auxiliary aids or services will be provided upon request -- with as much advance notice as possible, preferably at least three (3) business days before the event. Contact Rich Schiffauer at 240-777-1724 or send a request to Richard.schiffauer@montgomerycountymd.gov Taking these steps will help assure needs are met.

For more information, call Jessica Fuchs at 301-424-0656.

Leggett, Shady Grove Adventist Hospital Officials Launch Infant Injury Prevention Campaign; County Distributes "Onesies" to Parents of Newborns

http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=13597

New Study Puts Montgomery Near the Top on Life Expectancy Among Nation's 3,143 Counties! http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR details.asp?PrID=13574



Congratulations to the City of Gaithersburg, named one of the "25 Best Suburbs for Retirement in 2014" by Forbes.

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For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

County Council <u>http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/csltmpl.asp?url=/content/council/news/news.asp</u> **Planning Board** <u>http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/department/news_releases</u>

Also check out the latest from:

Department of Public Libraries http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/libraries/index.asp

Department of Recreation http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp

Department of Transportation http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html

Department of Environmental Protection http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp

Department of Permitting Services http://permittingservices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx

Montgomery County Volunteer Center http://www.montgomeryserves.org